PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Barrett, would you care to explain the fiscal note that we have in our book. I see that these funds will come from the federal government. Do you think that it will actually cost over a half a million dollars to do this, or would the amendment reduce that amount?

SENATOR BARRETT: The amendment, Senator Hefner, does not address the amount. But the fiscal note will be replaced by federal funds, hopefully. Nebraska's share should be more than adequate to take care of the fiscal note.

SENATOR HEFNER: In other words, Senator Barrett, it wouldn't cost the state any money. This would be...the amount of money that we spent to do this would be reimbursed by the federal government?

SENATOR BARRETT: That is my understanding, our share of the \$20 million package that is available, yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on LB 343? If not, the motion is to advance the bill. All those in favor vote yes, opposed vote no. We are voting on the advancement of LB 343 which has been explained by Senator Barrett, Chairman of the Business and Labor Committee. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance LB 343, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB 343 is advanced. LB 653.

CLERK: Mr. President, 653 was introduced by the Banking Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 22 of this year, referred to the Banking Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Banking Committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp, Chairman of the Banking Committee.